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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

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INFO AMEMBASSY DACCA

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SUBJECT: US COMPANY INVOLVEMENT IN INDIAN AND BANGLADESH
OFFSHORE WATERS

REF: DACCA 2988

1. WE PASSED DACCA'S REQUEST (REFTEL) TO ASHLAND OIL'S
BLAKE ON JULY 8. HE WAS GRATEFUL AND SAID ASHLAND REP
WOULD BE HAPPY TO STOP IN AND TALK AGAIN WITH EMBASSY
NEXT TIME IN DACCA.

2. AS TO TIMING, HE SAID ASHLAND HAS SENT BACK A RE-
VISED PRODUCTION-SHARING CONTRACT. HE CONFIDED FOR OUR
INFORMATION ONLY THAT CONTRACT DRAFTED BY BANGLADESH
MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES EXCEEDED TERMS OF LETTER
OF INTENT THAT HAS BEEN SIGNED AND CONTAINED SOME UNAC-
CEPTABLE OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS. HE SAID OTHER COMPANIES
OUT THERE HAVE HAD SAME EXPERIENCE.

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3. BLAKE SAID ASHLAND HAS UNTIL AUGUST 3 TO SIGN THIS CONTRACT. MEANWHILE HE HAS CABLED ADDITIONAL SECRETARY AHMED OF MINISTRY OF NATIONAL RESOURCES ASKING DEADLINE BE EXTENDED. BLAKE EXPRESSED UNCERTAINTY IN THE FACE OF RESIGNATION OF MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

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